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## **STATUS REPORT - CONSOLIDATED FIRE, SHERIFF, AND OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROJECT (CFSCS)**

On November 29, 2005, your Board approved an agreement with RCC Consultants Inc. (RCC) to develop a technical scope of work and evaluation tools for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to acquire a Consolidated Fire, Sheriff, and Office of Public Safety Communications System (CFSCS). The CFSCS Executive Committee, consisting of representatives from Fire, Sheriff, Office of Public Safety (OPS), Chief Executive Office (CEO), Chief Information Office (CIO), and Internal Services Department (ISD), continues to oversee this project.

This is the fifth status report on this project.

### **Accomplishments**

- Work continues on development of the functional requirements for the CFSCS RFP. Draft requirements for mobile data and computer aided dispatch have been completed. Draft voice radio requirements are expected to be completed by October 2007.
- Based on prior Board approval, RCC's contract was amended to develop specifications for a Records Management System (RMS) to incorporate in the CFSCS RFP. RCC has prepared functional RMS requirements for the

Sheriff's Department which have been combined with RMS requirements from the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACo).

- The CFSCS Executive Committee has agreed to combine its efforts with those of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communications System (LA-RICS) to develop a regional communications system. The CFSCS requirements will be used as the foundation for the LA-RICS regional system.
- The Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) has been given preliminary approval of approximately \$950,000 in 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds to purchase additional equipment for the ICIS system. ICIS has indicated this grant will enable adequate upgrade to its current systems and, consequently, will support the ongoing efforts of LA-RICS.
- The City of Los Angeles has accepted a 2006 UASI grant award of \$2,500,000 to support development of the LA-RICS RFP. The award will be administered by the Sheriff's Department and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been developed between the City and County to address the use of the funds; the MOU is currently being reviewed by County Counsel.
- Based on prior Board approval, a contract with RCC was approved to complete a detailed needs analysis and develop the regional RFP for LA-RICS. The LA-RICS Technical Committee is working with RCC to complete the RFP as quickly as possible, with a goal of issuing the RFP in January 2008. RCC has reviewed approximately 60 percent of the regional radio sites that may be used in the new system and will begin interviewing potential system participants in September to identify individual department needs.
- The LA-RICS Legislative Advocacy Sub-Committee has developed a public website, which is available at [www.la-rics.org](http://www.la-rics.org).

## **Decisions Reached**

While the original goal of the CFSCS Executive Committee was to finalize the CFSCS RFP by July 2007, the emergence of the LA-RICS effort presents the County with a unique opportunity to participate in the development of a system that can serve all first responders in the region. Consequently, the CFSCS Executive Committee has reached consensus on the following items:

- As previously reported, the County will continue to participate in the LA-RICS regional effort and will plan to incorporate the County's functional

requirements into the LA-RICS RFP, which will not be released until at least January 2008.

- The County will develop a RFP for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and RMS that will be released by the County separate from the LA-RICS RFP. CAD and RMS will be used only by the LACo Fire and Sheriff's Departments; the CFSCS Executive Committee feels a separate RFP for the County specific systems is appropriate. A schedule for the CAD and RMS RFP will be developed during the next quarter.

### **Goals for Next Quarter**

- Complete requirements for CFSCS, including CAD, RMS, mobile data, and voice radio. CFSCS mobile data and voice radio requirements will be the foundation for the LA-RICS RFP; however, should the LA-RICS effort prove unworkable, the CFSCS requirements will be ready to be included in a County RFP.
- Complete surveys for LA-RICS potential radio sites.
- Complete initial contact and survey of LA-RICS potential users.
- Identify contract and administrative resources to begin development of LA-RICS draft contract and RFP template information in parallel with documentation of system functional requirements.
- The LA-RICS Legislative Advocacy Sub-Committee will continue to coordinate federal advocacy efforts to develop a funding strategy with the County and other stakeholders.

Questions on these or other issues may be directed to Ms. Sheila Williams in the CEO's office at (213) 974-1323.

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